

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Carlos Fradera Pellicer
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For: A BUILDING PANEL AND PLANT
FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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C.W.**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Abstract:

Please replace the title with the following:

A BUILDING PANEL AND PLANT FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF

Please replace the abstract paragraph with the following:

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This building panel consists of a lightweight panel for external or internal closures of latticework support structures, which is constituted by slabs of air-setting resistant material. The slabs are reinforced in the façade panels for external closures and unreinforced for the dividing panels for internal closures. They are provided with a patterned surface on the visible face and are smooth or shaped at the edges. The visible face is formed by a thin layer of molded synthetic resin or fine mortar paste. When the layer is molded synthetic resin and is disposed as a shell for the panel, it comprises over the whole of the inner surface thereof an internal synthetic resin layer, the entire free surface of which is covered with a solid bulk material, the components of which are firmly partially anchored in said internal layer and afford a substantial free surface for anchorage of the air-setting material forming the resistant body poured thereover. This material fills the entire volume of said panel shell, at the same time as it includes therein reinforcement means provided with points directly accessible from the outside of the concealed face of the panel.